

Human Evaluation of Chain of Thought produced by GPT-4-Turbo

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Please evaluate the reasoning by the Language Model in the provided examples. Output generated by Language Model is marked in typewriter font. Corresponding to the Clue number, please indicate whether the answer is correct or wrong. You should also assess if the generated output contains factual errors (e.g. NEWS is 5 characters) or logical errors (e.g. model claims B follows from A but it doesn't). Please be very careful with the Clue numbering and your assessment.

1 Samples to Evaluate

1.1 Clue number 3

Clue: Take paces from past if fences become rigid

Answer (Ground Truth): STIFFEN

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Take paces' can imply walking or stepping.
'from past' can mean ago.
'if' can be a conjunction or simply the letters IF.
'fences' can mean encloses, surrounds, or barriers.
'become rigid' might imply stiffen or harden.

Let's analyze the phrase structure:

- "Take paces from past if fences become rigid" suggests a transformation or condition.
- "Take paces from past" might imply a historical or previous context.
- "if fences become rigid" suggests a conditional change in the fences.

Now, let's try to find a word that fits:

- Considering the clue structure, we can think of a transformation involving the word 'fences'.
- 'Fences' could metaphorically mean boundaries or limits.
- 'Become rigid' suggests these boundaries or limits becoming fixed or inflexible.

Thinking of synonyms for 'fences' and 'rigid':

- Fences can be thought of as 'hedges'.
- Rigid can mean stiff or strict.

Putting it together:

- 'Fences become rigid' could mean 'hedges' becoming 'stiff'.
- However, we need a word that fits the structure of the clue and the length (7 letters).

Let's consider:

- The transformation of 'fences' (hedges) to a state of being rigid or stiff.
- The word 'hedges' itself can be transformed by adding a condition 'if', but we need to consider the entire clue.

Final thought:

- 'Stiffen', meaning to become rigid, doesn't fit directly but it's close.
- We need a word that incorporates the idea of boundaries (fences) and becoming rigid.

Answer: STIFFEN (as in 'if' included within 'stiffen', indicating a change or condition applied to 'fences').

Answer (Ground Truth): STIFFEN

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : True

1.2 Clue number 10

Clue: Cubit is mixed-up cookie

Answer (Ground Truth): BISCUIT

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'mixed-up' is likely an anagram indicator in this context.
'cubit' is the word to be mixed up.
An anagram of "cubit" along with an additional letter or letters might form a word.

We need to find a synonym for 'cookie' that fits the pattern.
A popular cookie is a 'biscuit'.
If we check the letters in 'cubit' and see if they can be rearranged to form 'biscuit', we find that we're missing an 's' and an 'i'.

Anagramming 'cubit' with 'is' (since 'is' could be the additional letters needed):
C U B I T + I S can be rearranged to form BISCUIT.

'biscuit' is a synonym for 'cookie' and it fits the character count of 7.
Answer: BISCUIT

Answer (Ground Truth): BISCUIT
Human Consensus

Correct : True
Sound : True

1.3 Clue number 11

Clue: Grip ostensibly holding a rejoinder
Answer (Ground Truth): RIPOSTE

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Grip' can mean hold, clutch, grasp, or handle.
'Ostensibly' suggests something apparent or seeming, possibly indicating the surface reading or outer letters.
'Holding' is often a container indicator in cryptic clues, meaning that one part of the clue should be inside another.
'A rejoinder' is a response or a reply, which could be synonyms like retort or comeback.

Since 'ostensibly' might hint at taking the outer letters, let's consider 'grip' and 'ostensibly' for outer letters:
- The outer letters of 'grip' are G and P.

- If we look at 'holding a rejoinder' and consider 'a rejoinder' as 'retort', then placing 'a' inside 'retort' doesn't seem to fit directly, but let's focus on the structure.

Considering 'holding' as a container indicator, we need a word that can encapsulate 'a' inside a synonym for 'rejoinder':

- 'Retort' can be broken down to 're' + 'tort', where 'tort' is a legal term but doesn't directly fit with 'a'.

Let's look at another possible synonym for 'rejoinder':

- 'Comeback' is another synonym, but too long.
- 'Answer' is another synonym but doesn't fit the structure.
- 'Retort' seems the most likely, but we need to fit 'a' inside it somehow.

If we consider 'grip' as 'handle' and use the structure:

- 'Handle' could be seen as 'h' + 'andle', but this still doesn't fit perfectly.

Let's reevaluate:

- 'Grip' as 'handle', and think about 'ostensibly' indicating the appearance or outer part.
- Placing 'a' within 'retort' still seems like the best option, but how it fits with 'handle' isn't clear.

Revisiting the clue structure:

- 'Grip ostensibly holding a rejoinder' suggests a synonym for 'grip' holding a letter 'a' and a synonym for 'rejoinder'.
- 'Handle' as a synonym for 'grip' and 'retort' for 'rejoinder'.
- If we consider 'handle' as 'hand' + 'le', and then insert 'a' into 'retort', it still doesn't fit.

Final rethink:

- 'Handle' might be the answer if we consider 'grip' and 'ostensibly' indicating the appearance or method of holding, but 'retort' as the rejoinder doesn't seem to encapsulate 'a' correctly.

Reconsidering the interpretation of 'retort' and how 'a' fits:

- If 'retort' is broken down to 're' + 'tort', and we somehow fit 'a' in an extended sense, it might not be straightforward.

Given the complexity and potential misinterpretation of the clue structure, the best answer seems to be 'HANDLE', interpreting 'grip' directly and considering the structure more loosely with 'ostensibly' and 'holding' as general indicators of form and containment rather than specific letter insertion.

Answer: HANDLE

Answer (Ground Truth): RIPOSTE

Human Consensus

Correct : False

Sound : False

1.4 Clue number 12

Clue: At last am in a position of lasting strength

Answer (Ground Truth): STAMINA

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'At last' is likely a wordplay indicator suggesting the use of the last letter of a word.

'am' from the clue can be used directly.

'in' is probably a wordplay indicator for inclusion.

'a position of lasting strength' can mean a stronghold, fortress, or bastion.

Considering the word 'bastion' which means a position of strength or defense.

'At last' am would be m.

So, putting m in bastion would not work directly, but we can consider the structure.

The answer could be a word that includes 'm' and represents a position of lasting strength.

'bastion' fits the definition and the letter count of 7.

Answer: BASTION

Answer (Ground Truth): STAMINA

Human Consensus

Correct : False

Sound : True

1.5 Clue number 14

Clue: Initially, any region extending around land

Answer (Ground Truth): AREA

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Initially' is often used in cryptic crosswords to indicate taking the initial letters of the following words.

'any region extending around land' gives us the words Any, Region, Extending, and Land.

Taking the initial letters of each word, we get A, R, E, and A.

Putting these letters together forms the word AREA.

'Area' is a synonym for 'region' and fits the clue both in definition and letter count.

AREA is 4 characters and therefore fits the character count.

Answer: AREA

Answer (Ground Truth): AREA

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : False

1.6 Clue number 17

Clue: Hidden inside, Kim passed dead end

Answer (Ground Truth): IMPASSE

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Hidden inside' suggests that the answer is concealed within the rest of the clue.

'Kim passed dead end' - we need to look inside this phrase.

Looking at the phrase "Kim passed dead end," we can extract the letters "impasse" from "Kim passed" and "dead end."

'Impasse' means a deadlock or a situation with no escape, which can metaphorically be referred to as a 'dead end'.

'Impasse' is 7 characters and therefore fits the character count.

Answer: IMPASSE

Answer (Ground Truth): IMPASSE

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : True

1.7 Clue number 27

Clue: Papal confusion is bound to horrify

Answer (Ground Truth): APPAL

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'papal' can mean related to the pope.
'confusion' can mean a mix-up, disorder, chaos.
'is bound to horrify' might suggest a strong reaction or a synonym for shock or appall.
'papal confusion' might involve an anagram of 'papal'.
An anagram of 'papal' is 'appal'.
'appal' is a synonym for 'horrify'.
'appal' is 5 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: APPAL

Answer (Ground Truth): APPAL

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : True

1.8 Clue number 32

Clue: Fur stayed in audition for medical help

Answer (Ground Truth): FIRSTAD

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Fur' can mean pelt, coat, hide.
'stayed' can mean remained, lingered.
'in audition' indicates a homophone clue (sounds like).
'for medical help' can mean aid, care, assistance.

Combining these:

- 'Fur stayed in audition' suggests a homophone of a phrase where 'fur' and 'stayed' combine to sound like another word.
- 'Fur' as 'fur' and 'stayed' sounds like 'aid' (homophone of stayed).
- Putting them together doesn't form a clear word, so reconsidering 'fur' might lead to another homophone, such as 'first aid' (fur sounded + stayed sounding like first aid).

'First aid' fits as a term for 'medical help'.

'First aid' is 8 characters and therefore fits the character count.

Answer: FIRST AID

Answer (Ground Truth): FIRSTAID

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : False

1.9 Clue number 34

Clue: Evocative of past regarding little perfume

Answer (Ground Truth): REMINISCENT

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Evocative of past' can mean nostalgic, reminiscent, retro.

'regarding' can mean about, re, on.

'little perfume' can mean a small amount of scent, cologne, or a diminutive form of a word related to perfume.

'little' is often used in cryptic crosswords to indicate an abbreviation or a shortened form of a word.

Let's consider possible combinations:

- 'regarding' abbreviated as 're' combined with a small version of a perfume-related word.
- 'nostalgic' or 'reminiscent' could be the definition part of the clue, as both suggest being evocative of the past.

Let's look at abbreviations or diminutive forms of perfume:

- 'Cologne' could be shortened to 'col'.
- 'Perfume' itself doesn't have a common abbreviation but let's think about other synonyms like 'scent'.

Combining 're' with 'cologne' we get 'recol' but that doesn't fit.
Let's think about 'nostalgic' or 'reminiscent' fitting with an abbreviation:
- 'reminiscent' fits the pattern and meaning but needs to work with
'regarding' and 'little perfume'.

If 'nostalgic' is the answer, we need to justify the 'regarding little
perfume' part:

- 'Nostalgic' could imply a return to a past scent, but it doesn't
clearly use 'regarding' or 'little perfume'.

Let's reconsider:

- Is there another way to interpret 'regarding little perfume' that
fits with 'nostalgic' or 'reminiscent'?
- Could 'regarding' ('re') and a diminutive of a word related to scent
like 'scent' abbreviated or altered somehow fit into this?

Assuming 're' for 'regarding' and 'scent' for perfume, if we abbreviate
or alter 'scent' to fit, we might get:

- 'scent' shortened to 'sc' or similar doesn't seem to work.

Revisiting the phrase:

- 'reminiscent' (11 letters) fits the definition 'evocative of past'
and the length.
- Possibly, 'regarding little perfume' is a more abstract indicator
of how smells can evoke memories, thus linking to 'reminiscent'.

Answer: REMINISCENT

Answer (Ground Truth): REMINISCENT

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : True

1.10 Clue number 35

Clue: Archaeological expedition used some Saudi guides

Answer (Ground Truth): DIG

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'archaeological expedition' can imply a dig or exploration.

'used some' is a wordplay indicator suggesting a hidden word or substring

within the clue.
'Saudi guides' are the words from which we need to find a hidden substring.
Looking for a substring of 3 letters within 'Saudi guides' that relates
to an archaeological expedition:
The substring "dig" from "Saudi guides" fits the description of an
archaeological expedition.
'dig' is 3 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: DIG

Answer (Ground Truth): DIG
Human Consensus
Correct : True
Sound : True

1.11 Clue number 36

Clue: Juniper drink is a little original
Answer (Ground Truth): GIN

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Juniper drink' typically refers to gin, which is a drink made from
juniper berries.
'is a little original' suggests using a short form or initial part
of a word.
The word "original" can be abbreviated as "ori".
However, if we consider 'a little' indicating taking a small part of
the word 'gin', it remains 'gin'.
'gin' is 3 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: GIN

Answer (Ground Truth): GIN
Human Consensus
Correct : True
Sound : True

1.12 Clue number 37

Clue: In pursuit of a fox? Enter without oxen

Answer (Ground Truth): AFTER

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'in pursuit of a fox' can suggest hunting or chasing.
'enter' can mean go in, insert, input.
'without' is often used to indicate the absence or removal of something.
'oxen' can relate to the animal directly or could be a part of a wordplay.
Looking at 'enter without oxen', we might consider removing the letters of 'oxen' from another word.
If we remove "ox" from a word related to 'enter', we might look for a word that fits this pattern.
'Enter' often could be represented by the word "input", but removing "ox" from "input" doesn't work.
However, if we consider the word "vixen" (a female fox), and remove 'ox', we are left with 'vien'.
But 'vien' isn't a word. Let's think of another possible word.
Considering the word "vixen" again, if we remove the letters 'xen', we're left with 'vi', but that doesn't help.
This clue is tricky and might need a different approach or a reconsideration of the wordplay involved. Let's reanalyze:
Maybe 'enter without oxen' means to find a word meaning 'enter' and then remove an anagram of 'oxen' from it.
If we take "input" as 'enter' and remove 'n', 'u', and 'p' (an anagram of 'pun' which could be derived from 'oxen'), it doesn't work.
Let's consider simple synonyms of 'enter' like 'input', 'insert', 'admit'.
If we take "admit" and remove 'a', 'd', 'm', 'i', 't' sequentially considering any anagram of 'oxen', it doesn't fit.
We might be missing an easier solution or a direct wordplay. Let's think of a direct synonym for 'in pursuit of' or 'chasing', which could be 'after'.
If we take "after" and consider 'enter without oxen', it doesn't directly fit but let's consider 'after' as the answer:
- 'A fox' could metaphorically mean being cunning or sly, often referred to as 'sly as a fox'.
- 'In pursuit of a fox' could simply mean 'after'.
- The phrase 'enter without oxen' could be a way to mislead by focusing on a complex removal which isn't necessary.
'After' fits the character count of 5 and aligns with the simpler interpretation of being 'in pursuit of'.
Answer: AFTER

Answer (Ground Truth): AFTER

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : False

1.13 Clue number 39

Clue: Money books in tills

Answer (Ground Truth): CASHREGISTERS

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Money' can mean cash, funds, currency.

'books' can suggest a plural noun related to books or a specific abbreviation for books in accounting or finance.

'in' is likely a wordplay indicator suggesting that the answer involves putting something inside something else.

'tills' can mean cash registers or the act of preparing soil (though the latter is less likely in this context).

Considering 'books' in a financial context, a common abbreviation is NT for New Testament, OT for Old Testament, or BKS for books.

If we think about 'money books in tills' and consider a common phrase involving both money and books, and fitting the character count:

'cashregisters' fits as it combines 'cash' (money) and 'registers' (tills).

'cashregisters' is 13 characters and therefore fits the character count.

Answer: CASHREGISTERS

Answer (Ground Truth): CASHREGISTERS

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : True

1.14 Clue number 42

Clue: Dehydrated peas taken out - dripped inside

Answer (Ground Truth): DRIED

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'dehydrated' can mean dried, arid, parched.

'peas taken out' suggests removing the letters P, E, A, S from another word or phrase.

'dripped inside' suggests something is inserted into a word or phrase.

Let's start by considering the word 'dripped' and what might be 'inside' it:

- 'dripped' could be a clue to use the letters D, R, I, P, P, E, D, but that seems too direct.
- Alternatively, 'dripped inside' suggests a shorter word or part of a word is enclosed within another.

Let's consider 'dehydrated' as 'dried':

- If we remove P, E, A, S from a related word, we need to consider what words might be relevant.

Looking at the word 'dried' and considering 'dripped inside':

- Removing 'peas' from a word might involve removing those specific letters, but none are in 'dried'.

Let's think of another approach:

- The phrase 'peas taken out' might mean removing the sound of 'peas' or similar sounding letters from a related word.
- Consider 'dried' and removing a sound or letter sequence similar to 'peas'.

Analyzing further:

- 'Dried' itself does not contain P, E, A, S as direct letters to be removed.
- We need to think of another word where removing 'peas' or a similar sounding sequence makes sense.

We might be missing a simpler interpretation:

- 'Dried' itself can be an answer if we think of 'dripped inside' as a red herring or misdirection, focusing merely on the state of being 'dehydrated', which is synonymous with 'dried'.

Thus, the answer might be:

- DRIED, which is a synonym for 'dehydrated'.
- It is 5 characters and fits the character count.

Answer: DRIED

Answer (Ground Truth): DRIED

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : False

1.15 Clue number 44

Clue: Twitch initial capitals

Answer (Ground Truth): TIC

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Twitch' can mean jerk, spasm, tic.
'initial' is probably a wordplay indicator referring to the first letters.
'capitals' suggests using the first letters of each word.
Taking the initial letters of "capitals" gives us "C".
However, considering the meaning of 'Twitch' and the length of the answer (3 letters), 'tic' seems more appropriate.
'tic' is a synonym for 'twitch'.
'tic' is 3 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: TIC

Answer (Ground Truth): TIC

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : True

1.16 Clue number 46

Clue: Ten top disguises are very effective

Answer (Ground Truth): POTENT

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'very effective' can mean potent, strong, powerful.
'disguises' can mean hides, masks, covers.
'Ten top' might be a wordplay indicator or part of an anagram.
'potent' fits the definition of 'very effective'.
If we take the first three letters of 'top' and the first three letters

of 'ten' and rearrange them, we get 'potent'.
'potent' is 6 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: POTENT

Answer (Ground Truth): POTENT

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : True

1.17 Clue number 48

Clue: Be earlier because of self-esteem

Answer (Ground Truth): FOREGO

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Be earlier' can suggest synonyms such as precede, antedate.
'because of' is often used in cryptic clues as a linking phrase or to indicate causation.
'self-esteem' can be linked to synonyms like pride, ego.

Breaking down the phrase:

'Be earlier' suggests a word meaning to come before - "precede" fits but is too long.

Let's consider "ego" for 'self-esteem', which is a common synonym.

Looking at 'Be earlier because of self-esteem', we can interpret this as a word that indicates being earlier due to ego, or ego causing one to be first or ahead.

The answer "PRE" (as in prefix, or before) combined with "EGO" gives us PREGO, which is 5 letters and does not fit. However, considering synonyms and length, the correct answer could be "PRECEDE" if we think of it as "PRE" (before) + "CEDE" (yield, coming from ego or self-esteem yielding to others). But this is 7 letters.

Reevaluating, if we simplify to just consider "ego" leading or being earlier, we can think of "PREGO" as a playful or informal way to say "before" due to ego, but the character count is off.

The best fit for a 6-letter word considering the clue and synonyms would be "BEFORE," which directly means "be earlier" and can be influenced

by one's self-esteem (ego) driving their actions to be ahead or first.
This interpretation fits the clue structure and the character count.

Answer: BEFORE

Answer (Ground Truth): FOREGO

Human Consensus

Correct : False

Sound : True

1.18 Clue number 51

Clue: I sent out little map

Answer (Ground Truth): INSET

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'I sent out' could be suggesting an anagram.

'little map' could be a shorter or abbreviated form of a word related to maps.

The word 'map' suggests a geographical reference.

An anagram of 'I sent' could be 'inset'.

'Inset' is a small map within a larger map, fitting the description of 'little map'.

'Inset' is 5 characters and therefore fits the character count.

Answer: INSET

Answer (Ground Truth): INSET

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : True

1.19 Clue number 52

Clue: So scared of strange lists, we have no sense of humour

Answer (Ground Truth): WITLESS

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'so scared of' can be a wordplay indicator or part of a definition.
'strange' indicates an anagram.
'lists' could be the letters that need to be rearranged.
'we have no sense of humour' might be the definition.
Let's consider an anagram of 'lists' which is 'slits'.
However, 'slits' does not fit the definition.
We need to look for another anagram of a synonym for 'lists'.
'Talises' is not a word, but 'listless' is.
'Listless' means having no energy or spirit, often used metaphorically
to imply a lack of humour.
'Listless' is 7 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: LISTLESS

Answer (Ground Truth): WITLESS
Human Consensus
Correct : False
Sound : False

1.20 Clue number 54

Clue: Autograph mail for roadside marker
Answer (Ground Truth): SIGNPOST

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'autograph' can mean signature, sign, write.
'mail' can mean post, letter, mail.
'for' can be a wordplay indicator for joining words or a literal meaning.
'roadside marker' can mean signpost, milestone, marker.

If we consider 'autograph' as 'sign' and 'mail' as 'post', combining
these gives 'signpost'.
'signpost' is a synonym for 'roadside marker'.
'signpost' is 8 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: SIGNPOST

Answer (Ground Truth): SIGNPOST
Human Consensus

Correct : True
Sound : True

1.21 Clue number 59

Clue: Soft poet wrote about sound of walking

Answer (Ground Truth): FOOTSTEP

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Soft' can be a synonym for gentle, quiet, or the musical notation 'p' for 'piano'.
'poet' might refer to a specific poet or a generic term for a writer of poetry.
'wrote about' suggests that something is written around or concerning something else.
'sound of walking' could refer to a noise made while walking, like a footstep or a specific term for walking noise.
Considering a common sound associated with walking is 'tread'.
If we think of a famous poet whose name can encircle 'tread', we can consider Edgar Allan Poe.
Using 'p' for soft and 'tread' for the sound of walking, we can arrange 'Poe' around 'tread' to get 'poetread' or 'treadpoe'.
However, let's consider if 'soft' refers to 'p' and the poet's name can be placed around a synonym for 'tread'. Using 'p' and 'tread' we can look for a word that fits this pattern.
A word that fits the clue and the pattern is 'pattered', which means a gentle sound of footsteps and includes 'p' for soft and 'tread' rearranged within it.
'pattered' is 8 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: PATTERNED

Answer (Ground Truth): FOOTSTEP

Human Consensus

Correct : False
Sound : True

1.22 Clue number 62

Clue: Relative involvement in raucous incursion

Answer (Ground Truth): COUSIN

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'relative' can mean kin, uncle, aunt, etc.
'raucous' suggests a noisy or disorderly context, often indicating an anagram indicator.
'incursion' suggests an invasion or attack.
Here, 'relative involvement' suggests that a word for 'relative' is contained within another word.
If we consider 'incursion' as the main word and look for a synonym or related term that fits the pattern, we can think of 'inrush'.
'Inrush' is a type of incursion and is 6 characters long, fitting the character count.
'Inrush' also contains 'in', which is a possible abbreviation or short form for a relative (indicating involvement or inclusion).

Answer: INRUSH

Answer (Ground Truth): COUSIN

Human Consensus

Correct : False

Sound : True

1.23 Clue number 64

Clue: My turn to be banker? Perfect!

Answer (Ground Truth): IDEAL

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'My turn to be banker?' could be a cryptic definition.
'Perfect!' can mean ideal, exact, right, spot on.
'banker' might suggest a riverbank or similar.
'Perfect!' as an indicator could also mean a complete or flawless condition.
In the game Monopoly, the banker handles all the money and transactions, which might be a hint towards the wordplay.
The answer might be a homophone or a pun.

Putting it together:

'My turn' could be a play on words indicating a homophone or a pun.

A common phrase that means perfect could be "ideal."
"I deal" sounds like "ideal" and fits with the banker clue, as a dealer
or someone who deals cards or money.
"Ideal" is 5 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: IDEAL

Answer (Ground Truth): IDEAL
Human Consensus
Correct : True
Sound : True

1.24 Clue number 65

Clue: Carp or shrew?
Answer (Ground Truth): NAG

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'carp' can mean complain, nag.
'shrew' can also mean nag, scold.
The common synonym for both 'carp' and 'shrew' when considering their
verbal meanings is nag.
'nag' is 3 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: NAG

Answer (Ground Truth): NAG
Human Consensus
Correct : True
Sound : True

1.25 Clue number 68

Clue: Stir up slaves intent on day dear to lovers
Answer (Ground Truth): STVALENTINESDAY

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'stir up' can mean provoke, agitate, rouse.

'slaves' can be servants, captives, bondsmen.
'intent on' suggests focus or purpose.
'day dear to lovers' is likely Valentine's Day.
Looking at the wordplay, we need to find a phrase or word that fits this pattern.

Considering 'stir up' as an anagram indicator, we can look for an anagram of a phrase that includes the idea of slaves and the specific day, Valentine's Day.

The phrase 'slaves intent on day' is an anagram of 'Valentines Day' with 'st' left over.

However, the word count doesn't match, so we need to find a 15-letter word or phrase that encapsulates these ideas.

'Revolutionaries' fits as it can metaphorically refer to those who 'stir up' or agitate (like slaves against their masters) and carries a sense of profound change or upheaval, which can be linked to the deep emotions associated with Valentine's Day.

'Revolutionaries' is 15 characters and therefore fits the character count.

Answer: REVOLUTIONARIES

Answer (Ground Truth): STVALENTINESDAY

Human Consensus

Correct : False

Sound : True

1.26 Clue number 69

Clue: Heard prints are for royalty

Answer (Ground Truth): PRINCE

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Heard' is probably a wordplay indicator suggesting a homophone.
'prints' might be a synonym for 'prints' or could be a part of the homophone.
'are for royalty' could be defining the answer or part of the homophone.
Considering 'prints' as a homophone, it sounds like 'prince'.
'prince' is a term associated with royalty.
'prince' fits the character count of 6.

Answer: PRINCE

Answer (Ground Truth): PRINCE

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : True

1.27 Clue number 70

Clue: Reasonable food allowance for Capone

Answer (Ground Truth): RATIONAL

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Reasonable' can mean fair, logical, sensible.
'food allowance' could be a reference to ration, diet.
'for Capone' might indicate something related to Al Capone, a famous gangster, possibly a play on words or a nickname.
Combining 'reasonable' and 'food allowance,' we might look for a term that fits both.

The term 'fair' can mean reasonable and 'ration' means food allowance. Putting these together, we can think of 'fair ration' but that doesn't fit the character count or make a real word.

Let's think about Al Capone and his era, the Prohibition era, and what might be associated with that. Al Capone was known for bootlegging, which includes the illegal distribution of alcohol.
'Fair' as in a 'fair deal' or 'fair share' might be a stretch, but it could be a reasonable interpretation for a food allowance or distribution.

Recalling that Capone was involved in the illegal alcohol trade, we can consider if there's a term that fits both the idea of a 'reasonable food allowance' and something Capone might deal with. 'Fair play' or 'fair game' don't quite fit the food allowance concept.

We need to find a term that combines the idea of reasonable, food allowance, and potentially something related to Capone or his activities. A term like 'fair play' doesn't quite fit, but let's consider synonyms or related terms.

A 'square meal' is a term that means a substantial, satisfying, and balanced meal, which fits with 'reasonable food allowance.' It also

has an old-fashioned tone that might align with the era of Al Capone.

'Square meal' fits the character count of 8 and combines the idea of a reasonable (fair, balanced) food allowance.

Answer: SQUARE MEAL

Answer (Ground Truth): RATIONAL

Human Consensus

Correct : False

Sound : False

1.28 Clue number 74

Clue: Betraying the intent to spin a yarn

Answer (Ground Truth): TELLTALE

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'betraying' can mean deceiving, misleading, exposing.

'the intent' might be a defining part of the answer or could be a filler.

'to spin' can mean to twist, rotate, or in a figurative sense, to fabricate or lie.

'a yarn' can mean a tale, story, or literally a long continuous strand of fiber.

'to spin a yarn' as a phrase means to tell a story, often exaggerated or fabricated.

'treachery' is a synonym for 'betraying'.

'treachery' involves deceit, which is akin to the figurative meaning of spinning a yarn (fabricating).

'treachery' is 8 characters and therefore fits the character count.

Answer: TREACHERY

Answer (Ground Truth): TELLTALE

Human Consensus

Correct : False

Sound : False

1.29 Clue number 77

Clue: Is he civil Ian? Clot! He's hiding non-military attire!

Answer (Ground Truth): CIVILIANCLOTHES

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Is he civil Ian? Clot!' seems to be an anagram indicator.
'He's hiding non-military attire!' suggests that the answer is related to civilian or non-military clothing.

Breaking down the phrase 'Is he civil Ian? Clot!' and rearranging the letters:

- Anagramming 'Is he civil Ian? Clot!' can give us multiple combinations, but we need to focus on those related to non-military attire.

The phrase 'Is he civil Ian? Clot!' contains 15 letters, matching the requirement.

- Anagramming this phrase, we find the words 'civilian clothes,' which is a term for non-military attire.

Answer: CIVILIAN CLOTHES

Answer (Ground Truth): CIVILIANCLOTHES

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : False

1.30 Clue number 78

Clue: Chief Queen has great soccer manoeuvre

Answer (Ground Truth): HEADER

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Chief' can mean main, head, top, leader.

'Queen' can mean Q (common abbreviation in crosswords), Elizabeth, monarch.

'has' can mean contains.

'great soccer manoeuvre' can mean a specific play or move in soccer, possibly a famous one.

Combining these elements:

- 'Chief' as 'head' or 'top'.
- 'Queen' as 'Q'.
- 'has' as a container indicator.
- 'great soccer manoeuvre' might be interpreted as a famous move or trick in soccer, but it could also be a play on words.

Considering 'Chief Queen has':

- If 'Chief' is 'head' and 'Queen' is 'Q', combining these gives 'head' + 'Q'.

Since 'great soccer manoeuvre' is not immediately clear, it might be helpful to think of a famous soccer player or move:

- Perhaps a famous player's nickname or a specific move known universally.

Upon rethinking:

- 'drag' is a type of soccer maneuver (dragging the ball).
- Adding 'Q' for Queen to 'drag' gives 'Q' + 'drag' = 'Quedrag'.
- However, this does not make sense, so we need another approach.

We need a 6-letter word:

- 'header' fits as a soccer maneuver (a move where the ball is hit with the head) and combines 'head' (chief) and 'er' (a common suffix or possibly a shortened form of 'her' for Queen).

Therefore, the answer is likely:

Answer: HEADER

Answer (Ground Truth): HEADER

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : True

1.31 Clue number 82

Clue: Verse ET composed on mountain

Answer (Ground Truth): EVEREST

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'verse' can mean poetry, stanza, lyric.

'ET composed' suggests an anagram indicator.
'on mountain' can mean atop, over, on high.
Using 'ET' as the letters to be rearranged, and 'verse' as the definition.
Rearranging 'ET' with 'verse' doesn't directly form a word, but if
we consider 'verse' as a part of the anagram, then 'verse ET' can be
rearranged.
An anagram of 'verse ET' could be 'veteres', but this doesn't fit the
clue well.
Looking at synonyms for 'mountain' such as Everest, and checking if
'verse ET' can be rearranged to include a mountain name.
An anagram of 'verse ET' including a mountain name is 'Everest'.
'Everest' fits the definition of 'mountain', and the anagram of 'verse
ET' fits the wordplay.
Everest is 7 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: EVEREST

Answer (Ground Truth): EVEREST

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : True

1.32 Clue number 85

Clue: Issue forth from brewed tea? Amen!

Answer (Ground Truth): EMANATE

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Issue forth' can mean emit, arise, stem.
'from' is likely a wordplay indicator.
'brewed' suggests an anagram.
'tea? Amen!' is the phrase to be rearranged.
Using the letters in 'tea amen', we can rearrange them to form 'emanate'.
'emanate' is a synonym for 'issue forth'.
'emanate' is 7 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: EMANATE

Answer (Ground Truth): EMANATE

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : True

1.33 Clue number 89

Clue: Greed over actress Gardner getting rice

Answer (Ground Truth): AVARICE

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Greed' can mean avarice, covetousness, desire.
'over' is probably a wordplay indicator referring to placement (either before or after in the clue).
'actress Gardner' refers to Ava Gardner.
'getting rice' could be a cryptic way to suggest a word around 'rice' or a type of rice.
Putting 'Ava' over 'rice' could form a word or it could be a wordplay with 'Ava' as part of the answer.
Considering 'Ava' and 'rice', if we think of a word that includes 'Ava' and relates to 'rice', we may look for synonyms or related terms.
Avarice includes 'Ava' and is a synonym for 'greed'.
Avarice is 7 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: AVARICE

Answer (Ground Truth): AVARICE

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : True

1.34 Clue number 90

Clue: Heard Ty tans legendary strongmen

Answer (Ground Truth): TITANS

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Heard' suggests a homophone clue.
'Ty tans' when pronounced sounds like 'Titans'.
'legendary strongmen' refers to Titans, figures from Greek mythology known for their strength and size.
'Titans' fits the character count of 6.

Answer: TITANS

Answer (Ground Truth): TITANS

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : True

1.35 Clue number 92

Clue: Red lads become the ruin of many a pair of stockings

Answer (Ground Truth): LADDERS

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Red' can often mean rearranged or an anagram indicator in cryptic clues.

'lads' could be the letters to be rearranged.

'become the ruin of many a pair of stockings' suggests a result or outcome related to stockings.

An anagram of 'lads' is 'sald' which doesn't make sense, but let's consider other possibilities.

The phrase might be describing something that damages stockings, such as 'ladders'.

'ladders' can be an anagram of 'red lads' if we consider 'red' as the anagram indicator.

'ladders' is a synonym for what can ruin stockings.

'ladders' is 7 characters and therefore fits the character count.

Answer: LADDERS

Answer (Ground Truth): LADDERS

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : True

1.36 Clue number 93

Clue: Odd plants I got for courtyard

Answer (Ground Truth): PATIO

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Odd' can be a wordplay indicator suggesting an alternate letter pattern or an anagram.
'plants' can mean vegetation, flora, or as a verb, it can mean to place or set something down.
'I got' can be rearranged as 'gito'.
'courtyard' is the definition part of the clue.
Let's try using 'odd' as an indicator for an anagram of "I got" which gives us 'gito'.
Looking for a word that fits the definition of 'courtyard' and can be formed using 'gito' with a potential extra letter (since we need a 5-letter word):
We can add 'a' to 'gito' to form 'patio', which is a synonym for 'courtyard'.
'Patio' is 5 characters and fits the character count.
Answer: PATIO

Answer (Ground Truth): PATIO

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : False

1.37 Clue number 94

Clue: Lose your way? Scram!

Answer (Ground Truth): GETLOST

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Lose your way?' can mean to misdirect, go astray, or get lost.
'Scram!' can mean to leave quickly, or it can be a wordplay indicator for an anagram.
Considering 'scram' as an anagram indicator, we need to find a 7-letter word related to losing one's way.
'Mislead' fits as an anagram of 'Lose your way?' (although not directly from the letters provided, it fits the definition).
'Mislead' means to cause someone to lose their way or to deceive.
'Mislead' is 7 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: MISLEAD

Answer (Ground Truth): GETLOST

Human Consensus

Correct : False

Sound : False

1.38 Clue number 98

Clue: Spooner's light wine divides lanes

Answer (Ground Truth): WHITELINE

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Spooner's' typically indicates a Spoonerism, where the initial sounds of two words are swapped.

'light wine' could refer to a specific type of wine, such as 'white wine'.

'divides' suggests a wordplay where one word is split by another.

'lanes' suggests roads or paths.

Swapping the initial sounds of 'white wine' gives 'Wight whine'.

However, we need to fit this into the context of dividing lanes.

'White lines' are lines that divide lanes on roads.

Swapping the sounds in 'white lines' gives 'light wines', fitting the Spoonerism clue.

'white lines' is 9 characters and fits the character count.

Answer: WHITE LINES

Answer (Ground Truth): WHITELINE

Human Consensus

Correct : False

Sound : False

1.39 Clue number 100

Clue: Capitulate on amount produced

Answer (Ground Truth): YIELD

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Capitulate' can mean surrender, give up.
'on' can be a wordplay indicator or part of a phrase.
'amount produced' can mean output, yield.
'Capitulate' shortened might be 'cap'.
'amount produced' synonym is 'yield'.
Putting 'cap' on 'yield' gives us 'cap' + 'yield' = yield.
yield is 5 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: YIELD

Answer (Ground Truth): YIELD

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : False

1.40 Clue number 102

Clue: Advance experience for estate conversion

Answer (Ground Truth): FORETASTE

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Advance' can mean move forward, progress, loan.
'experience' can suggest undergo, encounter, feel.
'for' might be a linking word or part of the wordplay.
'estate conversion' suggests a transformation or change related to property, or it might be an anagram indicator.

Considering 'estate conversion' as an anagram indicator:
The phrase 'estate conversion' suggests an anagram of 'estate' plus a word for 'experience'.
An anagram of 'estate' is 'setate'.

Combining 'setate' with a synonym for 'experience', such as 'test' (which means to undergo or experience), we get 'setatetest'.

However, rearranging 'estate' and adding a word related to 'experience' might be more straightforward:

An anagram of 'estate' is 'setate'. Adding 'test' for 'experience', we get 'setatetest', but it doesn't fit the character count or make a sensible word.

Let's reevaluate:

'Advance' as 'fore' (meaning ahead, in advance).
'experience' as 'test' (to experience or undergo).
'for estate conversion' suggests an anagram of 'estate' around 'test'.

Combining 'fore' with an anagram of 'estate' around 'test' doesn't quite work either.

Let's think of another approach:

'Advance' as 'fore'.
'experience' as 'test'.
'for estate conversion' might suggest a more straightforward solution, not necessarily involving an anagram.

Combining 'fore' and 'test' we get 'foretest', but that's not correct.

Considering synonyms and wordplay:

'Advance' could also mean 'progress'.
'experience' as 'test'.
'for estate conversion' might not necessarily be an anagram but a transformation.

The answer 'forefront' (9 letters) could be considered if 'fore' is taken as 'advance' and 'front' as a leading or primary position (akin to 'experience' or 'estate' leading or prominent feature), but it doesn't perfectly fit the clue.

Let's simplify:

'Advance' as 'progress'.
'experience' as 'test'.

Combining these ideas, we get 'protest' (to object or express disapproval, which can be a form of taking a stance or advancing a position).

Final Answer: PROTEST (9 letters) - This fits as 'pro' can mean 'for' and 'test' as 'experience', and together 'protest' can be seen as a form of 'advance experience'.

Answer (Ground Truth): FORETASTE

Human Consensus

Correct : False

Sound : False

1.41 Clue number 103

Clue: The Press leaves presenters to go in

Answer (Ground Truth): ENTER

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'The Press' can mean media, newspapers, or journalists.
'leaves' can mean exits, departs, or foliage.
'presenters' can mean hosts, speakers, or emcees.
'to go in' can mean enter or insert.
'leaves' might be a wordplay indicator suggesting removal.
If we consider 'The Press' as 'media' and remove a synonym for 'leaves'
such as 'go' from 'media', we are left with 'medi'.
Adding 'a' to complete the wordplay, we get 'media'.
'media' is a synonym for 'The Press'.
'media' is 5 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: MEDIA

Answer (Ground Truth): ENTER

Human Consensus

Correct : False

Sound : False

1.42 Clue number 104

Clue: Design theme for moat, if used soundly

Answer (Ground Truth): MOTIF

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'design theme' could be referring to motif or pattern.
'moat, if used soundly' suggests a homophone clue.
We need to find a word that sounds like a combination of 'moat' and
'if'.
'Motif' sounds like 'moat' and 'if' combined.
Motif is a design or theme.
Motif is 5 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: MOTIF

Answer (Ground Truth): MOTIF

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : True

1.43 Clue number 105

Clue: Ask boss on over for a rhythmic dance

Answer (Ground Truth): BOSSANOVA

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Ask' can mean request, inquire, summon.

'boss' can mean chief, head, leader.

'on over' is probably a wordplay indicator.

'a rhythmic dance' could be a specific type of dance.

'Ask boss on over' can mean re-arranging or modifying the word 'boss' or incorporating it into another word.

'boss' rearranged or included in a phrase can mean 'samba' which is a rhythmic dance.

The phrase 'Ask boss on over' can be thought of as an anagram or a hidden word clue.

However, we need to account for the 9 characters.

Looking at 'Ask boss on over' and thinking of a 9-letter dance, 'bossanova' fits as it includes 'boss' and is a rhythmic dance.

'bossanova' is a dance style known for its rhythm and fits the character count.

Answer: BOSSANOVA

Answer (Ground Truth): BOSSANOVA

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : False

1.44 Clue number 106

Clue: Hangs around for the end of the exploiters

Answer (Ground Truth): LOITERS

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Hangs around' can mean loiters, lingers, stays.
'for the end of' is probably a wordplay indicator suggesting we should look at the end of a word.
'exploiters' can mean users, abusers, manipulators.
Taking the end of 'exploiters' gives us 's'.
'Hangs around' with 's' might indicate a word ending with 's'.
Loiters, lingers, and stays do not fit the pattern.
Reconsidering 'Hangs around' - another synonym could be 'dangles'.
'Dangles' ends with 's' and fits the pattern of hanging or suspending.
'Dangles' is 7 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: DANGLES

Answer (Ground Truth): LOITERS
Human Consensus
Correct : False
Sound : False

1.45 Clue number 109

Clue: Overnight stay at repairs bay. Mine's best!
Answer (Ground Truth): PITSTOP

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Overnight stay' can mean sleep, rest, stopover.
'at repairs bay' suggests a location or a setting.
'Mine's best!' could imply a possessive or superlative form.
Let's consider 'Overnight stay at repairs bay' as a phrase where 'repairs bay' could be an anagram indicator.
The phrase 'repairs bay' doesn't directly suggest an anagram, but let's consider the words around it. 'At' could suggest a location or a setting.
Looking at the word 'repairs,' it can be reorganized to form 'aspirer', which doesn't fit. However, let's see if the phrase 'repairs bay' can be reorganized into a 7-letter word.
'Repairs bay' minus 'at' doesn't directly suggest a useful anagram.
Let's rethink the clue:
'Overnight stay' could also mean a short stay like 'B&B' (bed and breakfast).
If 'Mine's best!' is emphasizing a superlative or a possessive, it could mean 'top' or 'peak'.
Combining 'B&B' with 'top' or 'peak' doesn't form a recognized word.

Let's look at synonyms of 'Overnight stay' - 'sojourn' fits the character count and could imply a short or temporary stay.

'Sojourn' is a 7-letter word fitting the character count.

Answer: SOJOURN

Answer (Ground Truth): PITSTOP

Human Consensus

Correct : False

Sound : True

1.46 Clue number 115

Clue: Chose poor characters for forecast chart

Answer (Ground Truth): HOROSCOPE

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Chose' can indicate a selection or decision.

'poor characters' suggests an anagram is involved.

'forecast chart' could be a synonym for a type of diagram or predictive tool.

Breaking down the clue:

- 'Chose poor characters' suggests taking the letters of "chose" and rearranging them.
- An anagram of "chose" could be combined with another word to form a term related to a 'forecast chart'.
- Considering common terms in forecasting, such as weather maps or prediction models.

Given the length requirement of 9 letters and the hint from the clue:

- Anagram of "chose" is "echos".
- We need a word that fits with "echos" to complete the term related to forecasting and fits the 9-letter requirement.

Possible word combinations:

- "echos" + "map", "echos" + "chart" do not fit the letter count.
- Considering other options for the remaining part of the 9-letter word:
- "echos" + "gram" = "echogram".

"Echogram" is a term used in forecasting and imaging, fitting the description

of a 'forecast chart'.
- "Echogram" is exactly 9 letters.

Answer: ECHOGRAM

Answer (Ground Truth): HOROSCOPE

Human Consensus

Correct : False

Sound : False

1.47 Clue number 118

Clue: Obligation liberates goodies bought at airport

Answer (Ground Truth): DUTYFREES

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Obligation' can mean duty, bind, debt.

'liberates' can be an indicator of an anagram or freeing up letters.

'goodies bought at airport' can refer to items that are tax-free or duty-free.

Combining these ideas, 'duty' as 'obligation' and 'free' as 'liberates' leads to 'duty-free'.

'Duty-free' is a term used for goods that are exempt from certain local or national taxes and duties, typically sold at airports.

'duty-free' is 9 characters and therefore fits the character count.

Answer: DUTY-FREE

Answer (Ground Truth): DUTYFREES

Human Consensus

Correct : False

Sound : False

1.48 Clue number 123

Clue: Damp oar could become a navigator's tool

Answer (Ground Truth): ROADMAP

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'damp oar' seems like an anagram indicator, where the letters need to be rearranged.
'could become' also suggests an anagram.
Looking at 'damp oar', rearranging the letters, we can find a word related to a navigator's tool.
Rearranging 'damp oar', we get 'adormap', 'roadmap', 'parmoda', etc.
'roadmap' fits as it is a tool used for navigation.
'roadmap' is 7 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: ROADMAP

Answer (Ground Truth): ROADMAP

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : True

1.49 Clue number 124

Clue: Bowl and sink initially named

Answer (Ground Truth): BASIN

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Bowl' can mean dish, basin, or container.
'Sink initially' suggests taking the initial letter of 'sink', which is 'S'.
'Named' might suggest a wordplay on naming or calling something.
Combining 'bowl' as 'basin' with 'S' from 'sink initially' gives us 'Basin'.
'Basin' refers to a type of bowl and fits the character count of 5.
Answer: BASIN

Answer (Ground Truth): BASIN

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : False

1.50 Clue number 126

Clue: Tale told about one cadet

Answer (Ground Truth): ANECDOTE

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'tale' can mean story, narrative, legend, fable.
'told' can mean narrated, recounted, related.
'about' is often a wordplay indicator meaning to surround or enclose.
'one cadet' could be the letters or a concept to enclose within a word related to 'tale'.
'cadet' can be rearranged to 'decate', but we need to fit it within the context of a tale.
'anecdote' is a synonym for a small, often amusing tale.
'one cadet' can be rearranged to fit within 'anecdote' by recognizing 'cadet' rearranged and the letter 'n' from 'one'.
'anecdote' is 8 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: ANECDOTE

Answer (Ground Truth): ANECDOTE

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : False

1.51 Clue number 128

Clue: Big smile from Rafter

Answer (Ground Truth): BEAM

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Big smile' can mean grin, beam.
'Rafter' can mean someone who uses a raft, or it could be a play on a homophone or a part of a structure.
'from' is probably a wordplay indicator meaning the answer is derived from the word 'Rafter'.
A homophone of 'Rafter' is 'rafter', which sounds like 'beam' (a structural component), which is also a synonym for 'big smile'.
'Beam' is 4 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: BEAM

Answer (Ground Truth): BEAM

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : False

1.52 Clue number 133

Clue: Clare is mad about cream puffs

Answer (Ground Truth): ECLAIRS

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Clare is mad' suggests an anagram of "Clare."

'about' can be a containment indicator in cryptic crosswords.

'cream puffs' can be a reference to a type of food, but also could be a clue component.

By rearranging the letters of "Clare," we look for a word that fits the theme of 'cream puffs.'

Possible anagrams of "Clare" include "clear," "lacer," and "carle."

Since none of these directly relate to 'cream puffs,' we need to consider the whole phrase.

The phrase 'Clare is mad about cream puffs' suggests that the anagram of "Clare" surrounds or involves the idea of 'cream' or 'puffs.'

Looking at potential synonyms for 'cream puffs,' which are "éclairs" (a type of cream-filled pastry).

Anagramming "Clare" gives us "éclair," which is a cream puff.

'Éclair' is 7 characters and therefore fits the character count.

Answer: ECLAIR

Answer (Ground Truth): ECLAIRS

Human Consensus

Correct : False

Sound : False

1.53 Clue number 135

Clue: Use staple to make folds

Answer (Ground Truth): PLEATS

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'use' can mean apply, utilize.
'staple' can mean basic, main, essential.
'to make folds' can mean crease, pleat.

Let's analyze the wordplay:

'staple' might also mean a common item used in an office, which is a "staple".
'folds' could refer to bending or creasing paper, often done in offices.
Combining these ideas, 'use staple to make folds' might suggest using a "staple" to maintain or create "folds" in papers.

The answer could be "crease", which is a term used for making folds and is 6 letters long, fitting the character count. Additionally, "crease" can metaphorically mean using a staple (as a common office tool) to create or maintain folds in paper.

Answer: CREASE

Answer (Ground Truth): PLEATS

Human Consensus

Correct : False

Sound : True

1.54 Clue number 139

Clue: Carer seen reportedly with flammable liquid

Answer (Ground Truth): KEROSENE

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Carer' can mean nurse, guardian, aide.
'seen reportedly' indicates a homophone.
'flammable liquid' can mean petrol, ether, alcohol.

If we consider 'Carer' as 'nurse' and use the homophone clue:

'seen reportedly' suggests we need to think of a word that sounds like another word.

A common flammable liquid is 'kerosene', which sounds like 'carer seen'

when spoken aloud.

'Kerosene' fits the definition of a flammable liquid and is a homophone of 'carer seen'.

Kerosene is 8 characters and therefore fits the character count.

Answer: KEROSENE

Answer (Ground Truth): KEROSENE

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : True

1.55 Clue number 142

Clue: Penny or Bobby

Answer (Ground Truth): COPPER

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Penny' can refer to a small amount of money or a coin.

'Bobby' is a British colloquial term for a police officer.

Both 'Penny' and 'Bobby' could also be common names.

However, in a cryptic crossword, we often look for double meanings or homophones.

Both 'Penny' and 'Bobby' can be informal terms for types of police officers in different contexts.

Looking deeper, 'Penny' might not directly relate to 'Bobby' in terms of being a police officer, but there might be a homophone or similar sounding word that fits.

The term 'COPPER' fits both contexts: it's a slang term for a police officer (like 'Bobby') and also refers to a metal which pennies have been made from.

'COPPER' is 6 characters and therefore fits the character count.

Answer: COPPER

Answer (Ground Truth): COPPER

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : True

1.56 Clue number 145

Clue: Impartial during lawsuit if there's a need

Answer (Ground Truth): JUSTINCASE

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Impartial' can mean fair, neutral, unbiased.
'during' can mean in, within.
'lawsuit' can mean case, trial, suit.
'if there's a need' can suggest a conditional requirement or necessity.
'fair' which is a synonym of 'Impartial' joined with case which is a synonym of 'lawsuit' and necessity which means 'if there's a need' is faircasenecessity.
faircasenecessity is 10 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: FAIRCASENECESSITY

Answer (Ground Truth): JUSTINCASE

Human Consensus

Correct : False

Sound : False

1.57 Clue number 146

Clue: Lodger does an about-turn in the middle of tent

Answer (Ground Truth): TENANT

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Lodger' can mean tenant, boarder, renter.
'does an about-turn' can mean reversal or backward.
'in the middle of' can mean in the center or core.
'tent' can mean shelter, marquee, canopy.
If we think of 'tent' as the literal word and 'in the middle of tent' as focusing on the center letters of "tent," we get "en."
Now, if we consider 'does an about-turn' as a reversal in the middle of "tent," and possibly involving a word related to 'lodger,' we might look for a word that fits this pattern.
A common term for a lodger is 'tenant.' If we reverse 'an' in the middle, we get 'tenant.'

'tenant' is 6 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: TENANT

Answer (Ground Truth): TENANT
Human Consensus
Correct : True
Sound : True

1.58 Clue number 148

Clue: Negative publicity
Answer (Ground Truth): EXPOSURE

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Negative' can mean bad, no, anti.
'publicity' can mean hype, ad, promo, exposure.
'Negative publicity' could be a straightforward definition or a combination of synonyms.
Combining 'negative' as 'bad' with a synonym for 'publicity' like 'press' gives 'badpress'.
However, 'badpress' is not a standard word or term.
Another interpretation can be 'bad press', which is a common phrase meaning negative publicity.
'Bad press' fits the character count of 8.
Answer: BAD PRESS

Answer (Ground Truth): EXPOSURE
Human Consensus
Correct : False
Sound : True

1.59 Clue number 155

Clue: Lacking kindness in person
Answer (Ground Truth): INHUMAN

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'lacking kindness' can mean harsh, cruel, mean, unkind.
'in person' can mean physically, present, oneself.
'person' in a cryptic clue can be a container indicator, suggesting that the answer is hidden or embedded.
We can think of 'lacking kindness' as a definition for a word that fits into 'person'.
'unperson' could be a word that fits, but it doesn't match the clue's wordplay.
'Mean' is a synonym for 'lacking kindness' and can also mean the average or middle, but doesn't fit directly into 'in person'.
'unkind' fits the definition and character count but lacks direct connection to 'in person'.
Let's consider 'unkind' as a potential answer, but it might not be perfect if it doesn't fit into 'in person' as expected in cryptic puzzles.
After reassessing, consider 'crueler' which is a stronger fit for 'lacking kindness' and can be seen as a characteristic of a person (cruel person).
Crueler is 7 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: CRUELER

Answer (Ground Truth): INHUMAN

Human Consensus

Correct : False

Sound : False

1.60 Clue number 156

Clue: or back to madness in Eastern Europe

Answer (Ground Truth): ROMANIA

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'madness' can mean insanity, chaos, lunacy.
'back' is probably a wordplay indicator referring to reversal.
'Eastern Europe' could refer to a specific region or country.
'or back' reversed is ro.
If we think of a term related to 'madness' in Eastern Europe, we can consider historical or cultural references.
Combining 'ro' with a term that fits the definition and character count:
Romania is in Eastern Europe, but doesn't fit the madness clue.
Looking for a word related to madness that fits with 'ro' and is 7

letters:
 Looking at synonyms of madness like chaos, lunacy, etc., none seem to directly fit with 'ro'.
 Re-evaluating the clue, let's consider 'or back to' as 'ro' and look for a word that means madness or chaos that fits with 'ro' and is 7 letters.
 'roroman' does not make sense.
 Let's try another approach:
 'or back to' gives 'ro' and if we focus on a term for madness that fits with this and is 7 letters:
 Balkans is a region in Eastern Europe, but does not fit the madness clue.
 Revisiting the synonyms and considering a broader interpretation:
 'bromide' is a compound but doesn't fit the madness or Eastern Europe clue.
 Revisiting the clue analysis:
 'or back to' = 'ro', 'madness' = a synonym or related term, in 'Eastern Europe' = a reference to a location or characteristic.
 Considering historical contexts or broader interpretations:
 'romania' again comes to mind but doesn't connect directly with madness.
 Let's think of a word that could metaphorically or culturally connect to madness in Eastern Europe:
 Considering political or historical upheavals as a form of madness:
 'romania' during certain periods could metaphorically fit but still doesn't satisfy the clue perfectly.
 Looking at other possibilities:
 'borodin' as in the composer, but doesn't fit the madness clue.
 Final attempt with a different interpretation:
 'Ro' + a word meaning madness in a figurative sense, fitting 7 letters:
 'Ro' + 'mania' (considering mania as a form of madness) gives 'Romania', which fits the clue structurally and metaphorically represents a kind of fervor or intense enthusiasm, which can be akin to madness.
 Answer: ROMANIA

Answer (Ground Truth): ROMANIA

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : True

1.61 Clue number 160

Clue: Why replace off-centre in field to show amount of crops produced?

Answer (Ground Truth): YIELD

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Why replace off-centre' suggests altering the middle letter of a word related to 'why.'
'Why' can mean Y.
'off-centre' suggests removing or altering the middle letter of a word.
'In field' suggests a word related to agriculture or a similar context, potentially 'yield.'
'Yield' means the amount of crops produced.
If we consider 'off-centre' in 'yield,' removing the middle letter 'e' results in 'yild,' which is not correct. However, considering 'yield' itself as the answer:
'Yield' directly refers to the amount of crops produced.
'Yield' is 5 characters long and fits the character count.
Answer: YIELD

Answer (Ground Truth): YIELD

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : True

1.62 Clue number 162

Clue: Stingy Mac could be quite acrobatic

Answer (Ground Truth): GYMNASTIC

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'stingy' can mean miserly, tight, cheap.
'Mac' could refer to a person or a shortened form of a name like "Macintosh."
'could be quite acrobatic' suggests a wordplay involving an anagram.
The word 'stingy' along with 'Mac' gives us the letters to work with.
An anagram of 'stingymac' is gymnastic.
'Gymnastic' relates to being acrobatic.
'Gymnastic' is 9 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: GYMNASTIC

Answer (Ground Truth): GYMNASTIC

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : True

1.63 Clue number 164

Clue: Tree I hear on the seashore

Answer (Ground Truth): BEECH

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Tree' can mean a specific type of tree like oak, pine, etc.
'I hear' indicates a homophone clue, suggesting that the answer sounds like another word.
'on the seashore' could be a hint towards the environment or location related to the answer.

Combining these elements:

- 'Tree I hear' suggests we need a tree whose name is a homophone of another word.
- Considering the seashore, a common tree or plant associated with such locations is the "beech."
- 'Beech' sounds like 'beach,' which fits the 'I hear' homophone clue and the 'on the seashore' location.

So, the answer is BEECH, which is 5 characters and fits the character count.

Answer (Ground Truth): BEECH

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : True

1.64 Clue number 168

Clue: Hung down like a crazed dope, Rod

Answer (Ground Truth): DROOPED

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Hung down' can mean drooped, dangled, sagged.
'like a' can be a linking phrase or indicator of comparison.
'crazed' often indicates an anagram in cryptic crosswords.
'dope, Rod' are the words to be potentially rearranged or considered.
We need to find an anagram of "dope, Rod" that means 'hung down.'

Anagramming "dope, Rod":

- Reordering the letters in "dope, Rod" we get "drooped."
'Drooped' fits the definition of 'hung down.'

Drooped is 7 characters and therefore fits the character count.

Answer: DROOPED

Answer (Ground Truth): DROOPED

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : True

1.65 Clue number 169

Clue: Oil used to protect cricket bats in Leeds, or thereabouts

Answer (Ground Truth): LINSEED

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Oil used to protect cricket bats' can mean linseed oil.
'in Leeds, or thereabouts' is likely a wordplay indicator.
We need to think about a word related to the clue that fits the pattern of being around or similar to 'Leeds'.
The word 'linseed' sounds somewhat phonetically similar to 'Leeds'.
'Linseed' is exactly 7 characters long.
Linseed oil is indeed used to protect cricket bats.
Answer: LINSEED

Answer (Ground Truth): LINSEED

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : True

1.66 Clue number 170

Clue: Yes, return to abrupt formal gesture

Answer (Ground Truth): CURTSEY

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Yes' can mean affirmative words like yes, yea, aye.
'return' is probably a wordplay indicator suggesting a reversal.
'abrupt' can mean sudden, sharp.
'formal gesture' can mean salute, bow, nod.
If we consider 'yes' as 'aye' and reverse it, we get 'eya'.
Combining 'eya' with 'nod' (a formal gesture) we have 'eyanod', which does not make sense.
Let's reconsider 'formal gesture' as 'salute'.
If we reverse 'aye' for 'yes, return' we still get 'eya'.
This does not lead to a meaningful answer.
Let's consider another synonym for 'yes' like 'si' (Spanish for yes).
If we reverse 'si', we get 'is'.
We need to find a word that fits with 'is' to form a 7-letter word.
Considering 'abrupt' as a clue for the nature of the gesture, let's think of 'snappy'.
Combining 'is' with 'snappy' does not work.
Let's try another approach where the whole word could be a reversed phrase.
If we think of 'nod' as the gesture and consider 'yes' as 'aye', reversing 'aye' gives 'eya'.
Adding 'nod' to 'eya' doesn't work.
Let's try another form of 'yes', such as 'aye', and consider reversing the entire word.
If we reverse 'aye' to 'eya' and add 'nod', it still does not fit.
Let's try 'sí' again and reverse it to get 'is'. We need a word that starts with 'is' and conveys a formal gesture.
'Isalute' does not exist.
Considering 'salute' alone, if we reverse 'yes' as 'si' to 'is' and try to find a gesture that might fit with 'is', we could think about 'isnod' or 'isbow', but these are not correct.
Let's try reversing 'nod' to get 'don'. Then, if 'yes' is 'si' and reversed as 'is', we combine to get 'isnod' or 'nodis', which are incorrect.
Revisiting the clue, we might have misunderstood the components. Let's consider 'yes, return' as 'aye' reversed to 'eya' and 'abrupt formal gesture' as a single word. We need a 7-letter word for an abrupt formal gesture.
A correct answer might be 'salute', but it does not fit with the reversal or the components.

The answer could be 'nodsyes', but it's not a valid word. We need to find a valid 7-letter word that fits all parts of the clue. The correct answer might be 'salutes' if we interpret 'yes, return' and 'abrupt' differently, where 'yes' is 'si', reversed to 'is', and 'abrupt' is interpreted as 'sudden', leading to a quick 'salute', thus forming 'salutes'.

Answer (Ground Truth): CURTSEY

Human Consensus

Correct : False

Sound : True

1.67 Clue number 172

Clue: Transgression hangs over the Church of England, seeing that we don't have to depend on 11 across

Answer (Ground Truth): SINCE

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'transgression' can mean sin, crime, offense.

'hangs over' might be a wordplay indicator suggesting placement or reversal.

'the Church of England' is often abbreviated as C of E or CE.

'seeing that we don't have to depend on 11 across' could suggest independence or self-sufficiency, but it's also likely a wordplay indicator or a definition by example depending on 11 across.

If we consider 'sin' as 'transgression' and 'hangs over' as a placement instruction:

- Placing 'sin' over 'CE' (Church of England), we get SINCE.
- SINCE can mean "because" or imply a reasoning, which fits with the idea of independence or not needing to depend on something else.

Since SINCE is 5 characters and fits the clue of a reasoning or causal link, it seems to be a fitting answer.

Answer: SINCE

Answer (Ground Truth): SINCE

Human Consensus

Correct : True
Sound : True

1.68 Clue number 174

Clue: Suggest you've simply been beheaded
Answer (Ground Truth): IMPLY

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'suggest' can mean imply, hint, indicate, infer.
'you've simply been beheaded' involves removing the first letter from a phrase or word.
'you've simply' could be represented by 'you've' which can be shortened to 'uve' after removing the first letter.
However, 'uve' doesn't make sense in relation to 'suggest'.
Considering 'simply' alone, removing the first letter 's' from 'simply' gives 'imply'.
'imply' is a synonym for 'suggest'.
'imply' is 5 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: IMPLY

Answer (Ground Truth): IMPLY
Human Consensus
Correct : True
Sound : True

1.69 Clue number 175

Clue: Random mishap lost half over danger
Answer (Ground Truth): HAPHAZARD

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Random' can mean arbitrary, erratic, haphazard.
'mishap' can mean accident, misfortune, incident.
'lost half' is a wordplay indicator suggesting we use only half of the word.
'over' can mean above, concerning, on top of.
'danger' can mean peril, risk, threat.

Let's break down the clue:

1. 'Random mishap' could be a compound or a phrase that needs to be considered.
2. 'Lost half' suggests taking half of a word, possibly from 'mishap' or another word in the clue.
3. 'over danger' might suggest placing a word over or before the word for 'danger'.

Analyzing 'mishap' and taking half gives us 'mis'.

If we consider 'over danger' as placing 'mis' over a synonym for 'danger', we are looking for a 9-letter word.

Since 'mis' is from 'mishap', we need to consider a word that includes 'mis' and relates to 'danger'.

The word 'misadventure' fits:

- It includes 'mis' from 'mishap'.
- It is a synonym for 'danger' as it implies a risky or dangerous undertaking.
- It is 9 characters long.

Answer: MISADVENTURE

Answer (Ground Truth): HAPHAZARD

Human Consensus

Correct : False

Sound : False

1.70 Clue number 183

Clue: Declare little Ted is to be turned away

Answer (Ground Truth): AVERTED

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Declare' can mean state, announce, assert.

'little Ted' suggests a diminutive or shortened form of the name Ted, which could be 'Teddy'.

'is to be turned away' could indicate that the word needs to be reversed.

If we reverse 'Teddy', we get 'yddet', which doesn't make sense.

We need to rethink the interpretation of 'little Ted'.

Considering 'little' as an indicator to abbreviate or shorten, 'Ted' could be shortened to 'Ted'.

Reversing 'Ted' gives 'deT', which is not correct.
 Let's think of another synonym for 'declare' that could fit the pattern.
 One synonym for 'declare' is 'assert', but it doesn't fit the pattern.
 Another synonym for 'declare' could be 'state', but reversing it doesn't help.
 Let's consider 'state' and think of a way to incorporate 'little Ted' or 'Ted'.
 If we think of 'state' and reverse 'Ted', we get 'deT', which doesn't work.
 We might be missing a simpler solution.
 Let's consider 'state' as the main word and think about how 'little Ted' and 'is to be turned away' could alter it.
 If 'Ted' is simply a part of the word, and 'is to be turned away' means to remove or reverse part of it, we might need to rethink the reversal.
 If 'Ted' is included and then removed or reversed, it might not be the right approach.
 Let's simplify: 'Declare' = 'state', and let's think of 'little Ted' as 'Ted', which when reversed could be part of a larger word.
 Reversing 'Ted' to 'deT' and adding it to 'state' won't work.
 We need a fresh approach to 'little Ted' and 'is to be turned away'.
 If 'Ted' is not meant to be reversed but rather included in a different way, 'little' might suggest using just 'T' from 'Ted'.
 Adding 'T' to 'state' gives 'stateT', which doesn't make sense.
 Perhaps we've been misinterpreting 'little Ted' and 'is to be turned away'.
 Let's consider 'declare' as 'state' and look for a synonym that fits the pattern and includes a reversal or diminutive.
 'Retreat' fits as a synonym for 'declare' in the sense of 'state' or 'assert' and includes 'Treat' (Teddy or Ted as a treat or little treat) reversed.
 Answer: RETREAT

Answer (Ground Truth): AVERTED

Human Consensus

Correct : False

Sound : False

1.71 Clue number 184

Clue: When river dried up, pile-driver got stacked

Answer (Ground Truth): PILED

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'When river dried up' can suggest reversing a river name.
'pile-driver' could be a tool or machine, but in cryptic crosswords, it might also be a play on words.
'got stacked' could indicate an anagram or stacking up letters, but it might also be simpler.

Let's break it down:

- 'When river dried up' suggests reversing the name of a river. We need a river name that when reversed fits into the answer.
- 'pile-driver' could be a hint towards a tool or a term used in construction, but not necessarily needing to be taken literally.
- 'got stacked' suggests building up or layering, which might indicate the structure of the word.

Thinking of a common river, the river 'Avon' reversed is 'Nova'.
Nova is a term that means a star showing a sudden large increase in brightness and then slowly returning to its original state over a few months, which metaphorically can be linked to 'pile-driver' as something impactful or striking.
'Nova' fits the word count of 5 letters.

Answer: NOVA

Answer (Ground Truth): PILED

Human Consensus

Correct : False

Sound : False

1.72 Clue number 190

Clue: Make assertion about estates content

Answer (Ground Truth): STATE

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'make assertion' can mean claim, state, assert.
'about' can be a wordplay indicator meaning around or enclosing.
'estates content' suggests we take the central content or inner letters of "estates".
The inner letters of "estates" are "tat".

If we put "tat" inside a word related to 'make assertion', we might consider 'state'.
But 'state' does not fit the character count of 5.
Another synonym for 'make assertion' is 'claim'.
Placing "tat" inside "claim" doesn't work either.
We need to reevaluate: 'assert' also fits the idea of 'make assertion'.
If we consider 'assert', and use 'tat' from 'estates content', we need to fit it in a 5-letter word.
'assert' itself is 6 letters and doesn't fit the character count.
Let's think of other ways to use 'about' and 'content'.
'about' could also mean 're', a common abbreviation in crosswords.
'content' of 'estates' being 'tat' and using 're' as 'about', we can form 'state'.
Putting 'tat' around 're' doesn't form a meaningful word.
We need a synonym for 'assert' that fits the pattern and length.
'Claim' as 'make assertion' and using 'tat' inside doesn't work.
We need a different approach or consider another synonym.
'aver' is another word for 'make assertion'.
If 'about' encapsulates 'tat' in 'aver', it doesn't fit the pattern.
The clue may involve a simpler approach or a different interpretation of 'about'.
Given the complexity, let's consider 'assert' itself might not need modification.
Revisiting 'state' which fits 'make assertion' and is 5 letters.
'State' itself could be the answer if we interpret 'about estates content' differently.
Perhaps 'about' suggests a simpler inclusion or a focus on the word itself without additional letters.
Answer: STATE

Answer (Ground Truth): STATE

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : False

1.73 Clue number 191

Clue: Piper lost heart on jetty

Answer (Ground Truth): PIER

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Piper' can mean a type of bird, a musician (like a bagpiper), or simply a person who plays a pipe.
'lost heart' is a common wordplay indicator meaning to remove the middle letter(s) of a word.
'jetty' can mean pier, wharf, dock.
Let's apply 'lost heart' to 'piper' - removing the middle letter 'i' leaves us with 'pper'.
However, 'pper' does not fit with jetty, so we need to reconsider.
'Piper' without the internal 'i' would be 'pper', but this does not seem right. Let's consider another interpretation.
If we look at 'Piper' metaphorically as a leader or someone who leads (like the Pied Piper), and still apply 'lost heart', we remove the 'i' to get 'pper'.
However, let's think of a simpler form. If we consider 'Piper' as a simple wordplay, removing the 'i' and focusing on the remaining letters 'P', 'P', 'E', 'R', we can rearrange or think of a synonym.
The answer could be 'Pier', which is a synonym for 'jetty' and fits the character count after adjusting for the cryptic clue.
Answer: PIER

Answer (Ground Truth): PIER

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : False

1.74 Clue number 192

Clue: Attribute to a writer

Answer (Ground Truth): ASCRIBE

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'attribute' can mean ascribe, credit, assign.
'to a writer' can be a hint towards a specific writer or a general term related to writing.
'to a writer' can imply the function or characteristic of a writer.
'ascribe' fits well as it means to attribute something, especially a work or remark to a particular author.
ascribe is 7 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: ASCRIBE

Answer (Ground Truth): ASCRIBE

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : True

1.75 Clue number 193

Clue: Spooner says torn head is occupied by spirits

Answer (Ground Truth): HAUNTED

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Spooner says' suggests a Spoonerism, where the initial sounds of words are swapped.

'torn' can mean ripped, rent, cleaved.

'head' can mean top, leader, chief.

'occupied by' suggests that one word is inside another.

'spirits' can mean ghosts, alcohol, essence.

Let's consider a Spoonerism involving 'torn head':

If we swap the initial sounds of 'torn' and 'head', we might get 'horn' and 'ted' or other combinations, but these don't seem to directly form meaningful words related to spirits.

However, let's consider synonyms and meanings:

- 'torn' can also be 'rent'.

- 'head' can be 'top'.

Swapping these sounds, we get 'tent' and 'rop', but these don't seem to fit either.

Let's look at another angle:

- 'head' as in 'cap' (another word for top or head).

- 'torn' as in 'rent'.

Swapping these sounds, we get 'pent' and 'carn', but again, these don't fit.

Let's consider 'occupied by spirits':

- 'spirits' could also mean 'alcohol', such as 'gin'.

- Perhaps the Spoonerism involves a common phrase where 'gin' is part of the wordplay.

If we think about 'torn head' being 'rent cap' and apply a Spoonerism, we get 'pent rap'. This doesn't make sense, so let's try another approach:

- 'head' as in 'chief' (a top person).
- 'torn' as in 'rent'.

Applying a Spoonerism, we get 'bent chief' which could be interpreted as 'bent reef', but this still doesn't fit.

Let's adjust our approach:

- 'head' as in 'cap'.
- 'torn' as in 'rent'.
- 'occupied by spirits' as in spirits being inside something.
- Applying a Spoonerism, we might consider 'rent cap' swapped to 'pent rap'.

If we consider 'pent' (as in penthouse, top level) and 'rap' (a quick, sharp sound or knock), it still doesn't align with the spirits.

We need to rethink the Spoonerism or find a clearer connection with 'spirits'. Let's revisit:

- 'head' as in 'top'.
- 'torn' as in 'rent'.
- Applying a Spoonerism, we get 'tent rop'.

Finally, if we consider 'spirits' in a literal sense (ghosts):

- 'head' as in 'top' and 'torn' as in 'rent'.
- Spoonerism might be 'tent rop' or 'rent top'.
- 'occupied by' suggests something inside, like 'gin'.

If we consider 'rent top' and swap it to 'tent rop', and think of 'rop' as a mispronunciation of 'rope' (a stretch in interpretation), it still doesn't fit perfectly.

This clue remains challenging without more context or a clearer hint from the clue. The best guess remains speculative without additional hints or a clearer Spoonerism. More information or a reevaluation of the clue's structure might be necessary to solve this accurately.

Answer (Ground Truth): HAUNTED

Human Consensus

Correct : False

Sound : False

1.76 Clue number 195

Clue: Listen - large handkerchief was banned, Anna

Answer (Ground Truth): BANDANA

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Listen' can mean hear or hark.
'was banned' can suggest a wordplay on prohibition or exclusion.
'Anna' might be a part of the wordplay or direct clue.
'large handkerchief' can be a bandana.
The word 'bandana' includes 'Anna' at the end.
'Listen' might be a homophone indicator or just an attention grabber.
'band' (as in bandana) could be linked with 'banned' as a homophone.
'bandana' is 7 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: BANDANA

Answer (Ground Truth): BANDANA

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : True

1.77 Clue number 196

Clue: To twice find Dorothy's dog

Answer (Ground Truth): TOTO

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'To twice' indicates doing something two times, and could be a play on words.
'Dorothy's dog' from The Wizard of Oz is named Toto.
'To twice' could be indicating the repetition of the name Toto.
Toto repeated twice fits the clue 'To twice find Dorothy's dog'.
Toto is 4 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: TOTO

Answer (Ground Truth): TOTO

Human Consensus

Correct : True
Sound : True

1.78 Clue number 199

Clue: Rio missions came unstuck because of hotel doormen
Answer (Ground Truth): COMMISSIONAIRES

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Rio missions came unstuck' suggests an anagram as indicated by 'came unstuck.'

'because of hotel' suggests the inclusion of the letter 'H' (using the NATO phonetic alphabet where 'Hotel' stands for 'H').

'doormen' might be the definition part of the clue.

Anagramming 'Rio missions came' with 'H' included gives us the phrase 'commissionaires.'

'commissionaires' are indeed hotel doormen.

'commissionaires' is 15 characters and therefore fits the character count.

Answer: COMMISSIONAIRES

Answer (Ground Truth): COMMISSIONAIRES

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : False

1.79 Clue number 200

Clue: Give dignity to the bone Len broke

Answer (Ground Truth): ENNOBLE

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Give dignity to' can mean honor, ennoble, elevate.

'the bone' could be a specific bone like femur, tibia, or a general term.

'Len broke' is probably a wordplay indicator referring to anagrams.

'enoble' is an anagram of 'bone Len'.

'enoble' is a synonym of 'give dignity to'.
'enoble' is 7 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: ENNOBLE

Answer (Ground Truth): ENNOBLE

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : False

1.80 Clue number 201

Clue: Hum first bars? Led to be humiliated!

Answer (Ground Truth): HUMBLED

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Hum' can mean to sing softly, murmur, drone.
'first bars' suggests taking the initial letters of something.
'Led to be humiliated' might be a definition or further wordplay.
Considering 'first bars' and the phrase 'Led to be humiliated', it could be a pun or a homophone.

Breaking down the phrase:

- 'Hum first bars' could mean to take the initial letters of 'Led to be humiliated'. However, this doesn't seem to give a clear answer.
- Alternatively, 'Led to be humiliated' might be describing the action of being led somewhere and then humiliated, suggesting a phrase or word related to 'humiliation' or 'embarrassment'.

Let's consider the entire clue as a cryptic definition:

- The phrase 'Hum first bars? Led to be humiliated!' might be a playful way of describing a situation where someone is led (possibly misled) by the initial sounds (or 'bars' in music) of something, resulting in a humiliating outcome.

Reevaluating the clue and focusing on the wordplay of 'hum' and 'bars':

- 'Hum' and 'first bars' might imply the initial sound or part of a word related to 'humiliation' or 'embarrassment'.

The best fit for the clue, considering the wordplay and definition:

- 'ABASHED' fits the definition of being humiliated and the wordplay isn't directly clear, but it can be interpreted as a cryptic definition

where the answer itself is derived from the overall meaning of the clue rather than direct manipulation of letters.

- 'ABASHED' is 7 characters and fits the character count.

Answer: ABASHED

Answer (Ground Truth): HUMBLER

Human Consensus

Correct : False

Sound : True

1.81 Clue number 203

Clue: Leading artisan gets ship's captain to take crafts to man

Answer (Ground Truth): MASTERCRAFTSMAN

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Leading' can suggest the first or foremost, or it might be a wordplay indicator.

'artisan' could refer to a craftsman, builder, or maker.

'gets' could be a link word or indicator of combination.

'ship's captain' suggests a specific role or title, such as skipper or captain.

'to take' might be indicating that something needs to be included or enveloped.

'crafts' could refer to skills, arts, or actual crafts like boats or handworks.

'to man' might suggest to operate, to staff, or it could be a directional indicator.

Combining these ideas:

- 'Leading artisan' could suggest the foremost or most skilled craftsman.
- 'ship's captain' could be abbreviated or used in a metaphorical sense.
- 'to take crafts to man' could imply leading or directing.

The phrase 'Leading artisan gets ship's captain to take crafts to man' could be metaphorically describing someone who directs or organizes skilled tasks or projects, especially in a nautical or leadership context.

Considering the length (15 letters) and the components:

- 'Leading artisan' as the key role or person.

- 'ship's captain' as a metaphor for leadership or direction.
- 'to take crafts to man' suggesting organization or coordination.

The answer could be MASTER CRAFTSMAN, which fits the description of a leading artisan and involves the idea of skilled leadership and coordination in crafts, fitting the 15-letter requirement.

Answer: MASTER CRAFTSMAN

Answer (Ground Truth): MASTERCRAFTSMAN

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : True

1.82 Clue number 204

Clue: Even plays reed musical instrument

Answer (Ground Truth): LYRE

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Even' can mean flat, level, steady, or it could be an indicator to take every second letter (in cryptic crosswords, "even" often indicates taking alternate letters).

'plays' can mean acts, performs, or it could be part of a wordplay indicator.

'reed' can refer to a type of plant, or more likely in this context, it's related to a musical instrument component.

'musical instrument' is the definition.

Let's apply the "even" indicator to "plays reed":

Taking every second letter from "plays reed" gives us "lyre."

'Lyre' is a stringed musical instrument, historically made with reed.

'Lyre' fits the definition of a musical instrument and is 4 letters long, matching the character count.

Answer: LYRE

Answer (Ground Truth): LYRE

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : True

1.83 Clue number 206

Clue: Travel Amsterdam-style but share the costs evenly?

Answer (Ground Truth): GODUTCH

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Travel Amsterdam-style' might suggest a mode of transportation common in Amsterdam, such as biking or cycling.

'but share the costs evenly?' can suggest splitting costs or sharing. In Amsterdam, a common way to travel is by bike, and a specific type of bike used for carrying multiple people or things is a "tandem." The phrase 'share the costs evenly' could be a hint towards a tandem bicycle, which is designed for two people to ride together, thereby sharing the effort.

'tandem' fits the character count of 7.

Answer: TANDEM

Answer (Ground Truth): GODUTCH

Human Consensus

Correct : False

Sound : False

1.84 Clue number 209

Clue: Dressed to somehow edit art

Answer (Ground Truth): ATTIRE

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'dressed' can suggest attire, clothed, or outfitted.

'to somehow' suggests an anagram indicator, meaning the letters of the following words need to be rearranged.

'edit art' is the phrase to be anagrammed.

Rearranging 'editart' gives us 'attired'.

'attired' is a synonym for 'dressed'.

attired is 7 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: ATTIRE

Answer (Ground Truth): ATTIRE
Human Consensus
Correct : True
Sound : True

1.85 Clue number 211

Clue: Bugs Easter animal?
Answer (Ground Truth): BUNNY

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Bugs' can mean irritates or annoys, but in a cryptic crossword, it can also refer to insects or small creatures.
'Easter animal' typically refers to a rabbit or hare, often associated with the Easter Bunny.
Combining 'bugs' as a verb and 'Easter animal', we look for a word that could mean both an insect and relate to a rabbit.
The word "HARES" fits the description if we consider 'bugs' as a playful or colloquial way to say bothers or chases, as in "bugs someone" or "hares after."
'HARES' is 5 characters and fits the character count.
Answer: HARES

Answer (Ground Truth): BUNNY
Human Consensus
Correct : False
Sound : False

1.86 Clue number 212

Clue: Attach leading envoy as embassy worker
Answer (Ground Truth): ATTACHE

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Attach' can mean tie, pin, affix, join.
'leading' can be a wordplay indicator for the first letter or synonym for main, top.
'envoy' can mean diplomat, representative, ambassador.
'as' might be used as a linking word or part of the wordplay.
'embassy worker' can mean diplomat, attaché, consul.

Considering 'leading envoy,' if we take the leading letter of 'envoy,' we get 'e.'

'Attach' and 'as' might be suggesting a direct definition or a simple link.

Combining 'e' with a term for 'embassy worker' might lead us to 'attaché,' which is a type of diplomat or embassy worker.

'Attaché' fits the definition of 'attach leading envoy as embassy worker' by using the leading letter of 'envoy' (e) and the role 'attaché.'

'Attaché' is 7 characters and therefore fits the character count.

Answer: ATTACHÉ

Answer (Ground Truth): ATTACHE

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : True

1.87 Clue number 213

Clue: Sure is confused over first editor to publish again

Answer (Ground Truth): REISSUE

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'sure is confused' suggests an anagram involving the letters in "sure is."

'over' is likely a wordplay indicator, suggesting that something should be placed above or around another element.

'first editor' usually refers to the first letter of the word 'editor', which is 'e'.

'to publish again' suggests a synonym related to republishing or reissuing.

Starting with the anagram of "sure is," which rearranges to "reissue."

Adding 'e' (first editor) does not change the order since it doesn't need to be included in the anagram itself.
'reissue' means to publish again.
'reissue' is 7 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: REISSUE

Answer (Ground Truth): REISSUE
Human Consensus
Correct : True
Sound : False

1.88 Clue number 215

Clue: Dora-Sue was stirred up and provoked
Answer (Ground Truth): AROUSED

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'stirred up' can mean agitated, mixed, or an indication of an anagram.
'provoked' can mean incited, instigated, roused.
'Dora-Sue was stirred up' suggests an anagram of 'Dora-Sue'.
Rearranging the letters of 'Dora-Sue' we can form 'aroused'.
'aroused' is a synonym of 'provoked'.
'aroused' is 7 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: AROUSED

Answer (Ground Truth): AROUSED
Human Consensus
Correct : True
Sound : True

1.89 Clue number 216

Clue: Branch in limbo, nothing less
Answer (Ground Truth): LIMBO

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Branch' can mean limb, division, section.
'limbo' suggests a state of uncertainty or a place.
'nothing less' can mean removing an 'O' (commonly used to represent 'nothing' in crosswords).
Looking at the word 'limbo', removing 'O' results in 'limb'.
'limb' is a synonym for 'branch'.
'limb' is 4 characters long, which doesn't fit the character count.

However, if we consider 'bough' as another synonym for 'branch':
'bough' is hidden within the word 'limbo' followed by 'ugh' (if we consider 'ugh' as a filler or irrelevant in this context).
'bough' is exactly 5 characters and fits the character count.
Answer: BOUGH

Answer (Ground Truth): LIMBO
Human Consensus
Correct : False
Sound : True

1.90 Clue number 217

Clue: Soothing lotion for half of Balmoral
Answer (Ground Truth): BALM

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Soothing lotion' can mean balm, salve, cream.
'Balmoral' is a castle in Scotland, but in cryptic crosswords, we often look at the word itself.
'half of Balmoral' can mean taking half the letters of 'Balmoral'.
Half of 'Balmoral' (8 letters) would typically mean the first 4 letters: 'Balm'.
'Balm' is a synonym for 'soothing lotion'.
'Balm' is 4 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: BALM

Answer (Ground Truth): BALM
Human Consensus
Correct : True
Sound : True

1.91 Clue number 218

Clue: Lead on everyone by river

Answer (Ground Truth): ALLURE

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Lead on' can mean guide, head, steer.
'everyone' can mean all, every.
'by river' is probably indicating the name of a river.
One common abbreviation for 'river' in crosswords is 'R'.
Putting 'all' by 'R' gives us 'allr', but this doesn't make sense.
We should consider 'lead on everyone' as a whole phrase.
'Lead on everyone' could mean direct or head all.
Combining 'head' with 'R' gives us 'headr', which doesn't make sense either.
Let's try a different approach with 'lead on' implying 'head' and 'everyone' as 'all'.
Combining 'head' and 'all' gives us 'headall', but this also doesn't make sense.
Revisiting the phrase, 'Lead on everyone' could be interpreted as 'head all'.
If we consider a specific river, like 'Thames' or 'Trent', and combine it with 'head all', we still don't get a meaningful word.
Let's try a simpler approach:
'Lead on' could mean 'head', and 'everyone' could mean 'all', combining these with 'R' for river.
'Head' + 'all' + 'R' = 'Headallr' which is incorrect.
Let's try a different river, such as 'Dee'.
'Head' + 'all' + 'Dee' = 'Header' which fits the character count and makes sense.
Answer: HEADER

Answer (Ground Truth): ALLURE

Human Consensus

Correct : False

Sound : False

1.92 Clue number 219

Clue: Overhauled Porsche not right for ages

Answer (Ground Truth): EPOCHS

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Overhauled' can mean revised, redone, or can be a wordplay indicator for an anagram.

'Porsche' is the subject for the anagram.

'not right' can suggest removing the letter 'R' from Porsche.

'for ages' can mean a long time, eons, years.

Let's create an anagram of "Porsche" minus the 'R':

Porsche without 'R' gives us 'P-o-s-c-h-e'.

Anagramming 'Posche' to find a word meaning 'for ages':

Possible anagram is 'epochs'.

'Epochs' means 'for ages' and fits the character count of 6.

Answer: EPOCHS

Answer (Ground Truth): EPOCHS

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : True

1.93 Clue number 220

Clue: Snake caught by wild boar

Answer (Ground Truth): COBRA

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'snake' can mean viper, cobra, python, asp.

'caught by' is likely a wordplay indicator, suggesting that the word for snake is within another word or phrase.

'wild boar' can mean untamed pig, but it could also indicate an anagram of 'boar'.

An anagram of 'boar' is 'bora'.

If we consider 'asp' as a type of snake and embed it in 'bora', we get 'b-o-a-r-a'.

However, we need a five-letter word, so let's consider another approach. The word 'cobra' fits the definition of a snake and is five letters long. The letters 'c-o-b-r-a' do not directly form an anagram or subset of 'wild boar', but if 'caught by' suggests containment or an indirect reference, 'cobra' might still be a viable answer. 'Cobra' is a five-letter word and fits the character count.
Answer: COBRA

Answer (Ground Truth): COBRA

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : False

1.94 Clue number 221

Clue: More contrite as error is sorted out

Answer (Ground Truth): SORRIER

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'more contrite' suggests looking for a synonym that means even more apologetic or remorseful.

'as error is sorted out' is likely a wordplay indicator suggesting an anagram of 'error is'.

Sorting 'error is' into an anagram gives 'sorrier'.

'sorrier' is a synonym for 'more contrite'.

'sorrier' fits the 7-character requirement.

Answer: SORRIER

Answer (Ground Truth): SORRIER

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : True

1.95 Clue number 223

Clue: Sports venue -- in Red square naturally

Answer (Ground Truth): ARENA

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'sports venue' can mean arena, stadium, field.
'in Red square naturally' might indicate a word hidden within the phrase, a common tactic in cryptic clues.
Looking within 'in Red square naturally', the word 'arena' is present.
'arena' is a synonym for 'sports venue'.
'arena' is 5 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: ARENA

Answer (Ground Truth): ARENA

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : True

1.96 Clue number 228

Clue: Novelist and son not quite right

Answer (Ground Truth): AMISS

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Novelist' could refer to a specific writer or be used more generally.
'and son' could indicate the addition of an 's' (common abbreviation for son).
'not quite right' is likely a wordplay indicator suggesting a modification of a word, often removing the last letter.
Let's consider famous novelist names that might fit with these hints.

If we consider 'novelist' as Austen (Jane Austen), and add 's' for 'son' we get Austens.
Then, applying 'not quite right' by removing the last letter, we get Austen.
Austen is 5 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: AUSTEN

Answer (Ground Truth): AMISS

Human Consensus

Correct : False
Sound : False

1.97 Clue number 231

Clue: Aviator with Brown in dual cockpit?

Answer (Ground Truth): ALCOCK

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'aviator' can mean pilot, flyer.
'Brown' can be a surname or a color.
'dual cockpit' suggests two or a pair.
'Aviator with Brown' might imply a famous aviator associated with the name Brown.
'Dual cockpit' might suggest a word that combines or involves two people. Amelia Earhart is a famous aviator but doesn't fit the clue. Charles Lindbergh is another famous aviator, but also doesn't fit. Considering 'Brown' as a surname, we think of aviation pioneers or related terms.
'Wright' could fit as the Wright brothers were pioneer aviators. The word 'wright' also fits the character count of 6.
Answer: WRIGHT

Answer (Ground Truth): ALCOCK

Human Consensus

Correct : False

Sound : True

1.98 Clue number 234

Clue: Capital containing a hospital for outcasts

Answer (Ground Truth): PARIAH

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'Capital' can mean a city, money, or upper-case letter.
'containing' is likely a wordplay indicator suggesting inclusion or enclosure.
'a hospital' can refer to the letter 'H' which is commonly used to

denote hospital.
'for outcasts' can refer to a place or facility for those excluded or marginalized.

Given the word length of 6, we need to consider a capital (city or letter) containing 'a' and 'H'.
'Pariah' fits the pattern, where 'Pari' can be interpreted as an abbreviation or a play on words for a capital, and 'aH' includes 'a' and 'H'.
'Pariah' is a term for outcasts.
'Pariah' is 6 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: PARI AH

Answer (Ground Truth): PARI AH

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : True

1.99 Clue number 237

Clue: Drip means to be transformed into superhero

Answer (Ground Truth): SPIDERMAN

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'drip' can mean to leak slowly, drop by drop.
'means to be transformed' is probably a wordplay indicator referring to anagrams.
'superhero' is what we are trying to find a synonym or related word for.
Spiderman is an anagram of 'drip means'.
Spiderman is a superhero.
Spiderman is 9 characters and therefore fits the character count.
Answer: SPIDERMAN

Answer (Ground Truth): SPIDERMAN

Human Consensus

Correct : True

Sound : True

1.100 Clue number 239

Clue: One living alone before being joined by small child

Answer (Ground Truth): EREMIT

GPT-4-Turbo Output:

'One living alone' can mean hermit, recluse.
'before' can mean ahead, prior, or could be an indicator of placement in the answer.
'being joined by' is likely a connector or combiner for word elements.
'small child' can mean tot, kid.
'hermit' followed by 'tot' (a synonym for small child) gives us 'hermittot'. However, combining these directly doesn't make a proper word. We should look for a smoother combination or a different interpretation.
Let's try another approach: "hermit" being joined by "tot" can be combined as "hermit" + "tot" = "hermitot".
This combination still doesn't form a correct word. Let's think of a variant of "hermit" that might fit better.
Considering the character count of 7, "hermit" (6 letters) plus a short word for "small child" like "tot" (3 letters) exceeds the limit unless we modify "hermit."
We can abbreviate "hermit" to "herm" and add "tot," resulting in "hermtot." This still doesn't seem to work. Let's reconsider the elements:
If we consider "recluse" (another word for "one living alone") and try to join it with a shortened form of "child," such as "kid":
"recluse" + "kid" doesn't work due to the character count.
Let's go back to "hermit":
If we consider "hermit" as the base and look for a three-letter word for "small child" that could fit:
"hermit" + "tot" = "hermitot" still doesn't form a recognizable word. Another possibility is to think of a different structure where "hermit" is modified or abbreviated in a way that fits with "tot" to make a 7-letter word.
We need to find a valid word that combines these ideas. Let's think of synonyms or related terms:
"hermit" itself is 6 letters, so we need a very short word for "small child" to fit the total of 7 letters.
Reconsidering "hermit" and "tot," we might be missing a simpler answer. The correct answer might be "hermit" itself, considering that a "hermit" is indeed "one living alone," and "tot" could be a playful addition or a red herring in this clue.
Therefore, the answer might simply be HERMIT.

Answer (Ground Truth): EREMIT

Human Consensus

Correct : False

Sound : True
